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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG EINV VE

SUBJECT: OVERRIDING ROYALTY RIGHTS HOLDERS IN VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 244721

1. FCO LATIN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT INFORMS US THAT MR. CHADWICK COLLINS VISITED LONDON IN MID OCTOBER.
2. IT APPARENTLY WAS AGREED BETWEEN SOLICITORS FOR BRITISH ULTRAMAR AND CHADWICK COLLINS THAT HE WOULD NOW SEEK A LEGAL OPINION FROM VENEZUELAN LAWYERS ON VALIDITY OF CLAIM OF ROYALTY HOLDERS IN LIGHT OF NEW SITUATION CREATED BY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF NATIONALIZATION LAW. IN LIGHT OF THIS OPINION ROYALTY HOLDERS WOULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY GROUNDS FOR FILING A CLAIM IN VENEZUELAN COURTS. MEANWHILE, BRITISH ULTRAMAR ADVISED THAT IT SAW NO USEFUL PURPOSE BEING SERVED BY MEETING WITH FCO AS PREVIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED.

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3. FCO WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOP-

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